

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Mark Blasdel, on April 4, 2011 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mark Blasdel, Chairman (R)
Rep. Dick Barrett, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Mike Miller, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)
Rep. Jerry O'Neil (R)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. Max Yates (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Rep. Alan Hale (R)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Rep. Mary McNally (D)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

Staff Present: Lisa Adams, Committee Secretary
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 253, 3/28/2011; SB 295, 3/28/2011

00:00:23 Rep. Taylor arrived.

HEARING ON SB 253

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:30 Sen. Bob Lake (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 253, Eliminate certain individual and corporation tax credits.

00:00:58 Rep. Malek arrived.

00:01:51 Rep. Williams arrived.

00:02:24 Rep. Phillips arrived.

00:04:30 Rep. McNally arrived.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:06:34 Evan Barrett, Director, Office of Economic Development, Governor's Office (GOV)

EXHIBIT(tah75a01)

00:09:54 Rep. Randall left.

00:10:03 JP Gabriel, Filmlites Montana

EXHIBIT(tah75a02)

00:15:03 Terry Myhre, Montana Economic Developers Association

EXHIBIT(tah75a03)

00:16:18 Anna Marie Moe, Administrator, Department Of Commerce (COM)

EXHIBIT(tah75a04)

EXHIBIT(tah75a05)

00:17:43 Rep. Randall arrived.

00:21:48 Seth Bloom, Chief Executive Officer, Pimlico Studios, Inc.

00:23:55 Rep. Phillips left.

00:26:37 Nick Kujawa, President, Kujawa Development LLC

EXHIBIT(tah75a06)

00:28:57 Rep. Phillips arrived.

00:31:31 Chere Jiusto, Executive Director, Montana Preservation Alliance (MPA)

EXHIBIT(tah75a07)

EXHIBIT(tah75a08)

00:36:38 Ben Brouwer, Energy Program Manager, Alternative Energy Resource Organization (AERO)

00:37:09 Chairman Blasdel left.

00:39:11 David Ryan, Engineer, National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT)

00:42:24 Kyla Wiens, Montana Environmental Information Center

00:44:03 Aimee Grmoljez, Montana Travel, Lodging and Hospitality Association

00:46:14 Jessie Luther, Motion Picture Association of America

00:47:19 Matt Elsaesser, Student Advocates for Valuing Environment Foundation (S.A.V.E.)

00:47:40 Keith Allan, Local 233, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)

00:47:50 Chairman Blasdel arrived.

00:48:37 Conor Darby, Independent Power Systems and Montana Renewable Energy Association

00:50:36 Molly Severtson, Executive Director, The Policy Institute

Informational Testimony:

00:52:37 Dan Dodds, Tax Policy Analyst, Department of Revenue (DOR)
00:53:01 Pete Brown, Montana State Historical Preservation Office, Montana Historical Society

00:54:15 Chairman Blasdel
00:54:20 Rep. Barrett
00:54:27 Chairman Blasdel
00:54:31 Rep. Barrett

00:55:08 Recessed.
01:33:34 Resumed with all present except Chairman Blasdel, Rep. Stahl, Rep. Fitzpatrick, and Rep. McClafferty.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:33:53 Rep. Barrett
01:34:32 Mr. Brouwer, AERO
01:35:25 Rep. Barrett
01:35:50 Mr. Brouwer
01:36:47 Rep. Phillips
01:37:08 Sen. Lake
01:37:32 Rep. Phillips
01:38:06 Sen. Lake
01:38:48 Rep. Phillips
01:39:20 Sen. Lake
01:39:22 Rep. Fitzpatrick arrived.
01:39:54 Rep. Phillips
01:40:25 Sen. Lake
01:41:03 Rep. O'Neil
01:41:43 Sen. Lake
01:42:19 Rep. O'Neil
01:42:27 Sen. Lake
01:43:27 Rep. O'Neil
01:44:10 Sen. Lake
01:44:34 Mr. Martin
01:45:29 Rep. Hoven
01:46:02 Mr. Dodds, DOR
01:47:13 Rep. Hoven
01:47:16 Mr. Dodds
01:47:23 Rep. Malek
01:48:27 Mr. Bloom
01:49:09 Rep. Knudsen left.
01:50:18 Rep. Malek
01:50:27 Mr. Bloom
01:52:33 Chairman Blasdel arrived.
01:53:09 Rep. Knudsen arrived.
01:53:38 Rep. Yates
01:53:55 Chairman Blasdel left.
01:54:03 Rep. Randall and Rep. Knudsen left.
01:55:07 Sen. Lake

01:56:00 Rep. Yates
01:56:32 Sen. Lake
01:57:49 Rep. Hoven
01:57:52 Chairman Blasdel arrived.
01:58:22 Mr. Dodds
01:59:09 Rep. Hoven
01:59:38 Mr. Dodds
01:59:48 Rep. Hoven
02:00:28 Mr. Barrett, GOV
02:01:59 Rep. Hoven
02:03:01 Mr. Barrett
02:04:07 Rep. Hoven
02:04:15 Mr. Barrett
02:04:50 Rep. Hoven
02:05:06 Mr. Barrett
02:06:13 Rep. Flynn
02:07:00 Ms. Moe, COM
02:07:08 Rep. Knudsen arrived.
02:07:21 Rep. Yates left.
02:08:22 Rep. Malek
02:09:00 Sen. Lake
02:10:18 Rep. Malek
02:10:56 Sen. Lake
02:11:08 Rep. Barrett
02:11:42 Sen. Lake
02:11:53 Mr. Martin
02:13:09 Rep. Barrett
02:14:58 Sen. Lake
02:15:47 Rep. Phillips
02:16:30 Sen. Lake
02:17:18 Rep. Phillips
02:17:48 Mr. Barrett
02:18:46 Rep. Williams
02:19:32 Sen. Lake
02:19:50 Rep. Malek left.
02:20:01 Rep. Yates arrived.
02:20:07 Rep. Williams
02:20:46 Sen. Lake
02:21:16 Rep. Williams
02:22:33 Mr. Darby

Closing by Sponsor:

02:25:37 Sen. Lake

HEARING ON SB 295**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:28:02 Sen. Bob Lake (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 295, Revise manner of appraising certain property for tax purposes.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:33:02 Cynthia Monteau Moore, Administrator, Property Assessment Division, Montana
Department of Revenue, (DOR)

EXHIBIT(tah75a09)

02:33:47 Rep. Knudsen left.

02:34:03 Rep. Malek arrived.

02:37:47 Rep. Knudsen arrived.

02:39:08 Rep. Yates left.

02:39:51 Alan Peura, Deputy Director, DOR

EXHIBIT(tah75a10)

02:46:01 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Taxpayers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:47:35 Rep. Barrett

02:48:37 Mr. Peura

02:49:15 Rep. Barrett

02:49:50 Mr. Peura

02:50:09 Rep. Yates arrived.

02:50:42 Rep. Knudsen left.

02:50:52 Rep. Phillips left.

02:50:59 Rep. Barrett

02:51:02 Mr. Peura

02:51:16 Rep. Barrett

02:51:50 Mr. Peura

02:53:10 Rep. Barrett

Closing by Sponsor:

02:53:34 Sen. Lake

ADJOURNMENT

02:55:53 Adjournment:

Lisa Adams, Secretary

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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS:

[EXHIBIT](#)(tah75a11)

[EXHIBIT](#)(tah75a12)

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT(**[tah75aad.pdf](#)**)